
Subcontractors complete recovery act-funded demolition under budget

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The final building demolished under the Recovery Act program at LANL is now gone. Built in 1965, the 34,000-square foot High Temperature Chemistry Facility was the hub of Project Rover—LANL's research into the use of nuclear reactors to propel rockets in space. Rover was among the Lab's earliest non-weapons projects.

Later, the building provided office and lab space for LANL's research on nuclear fusion. "This is a major milestone for us," said Gordon Dover, LANL's director of Recovery Act

cleanup projects. “Not only are we removing unused buildings and contamination from the environment, we’ve done it with an excellent safety record.”

More than half of the rubble has been packaged and shipped to licensed disposal facilities. “We owe a huge thank you to the small-business subcontractors who helped us get to this day,” said George Rael, manager of Environmental Projects at the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Los Alamos Site Office. “Their outstanding performance has provided a great service to the environment and the community, resulting in a successful project under the Recovery Act Program.”

The Department of Energy’s Office of Environmental Management allocated \$212 million in Recovery Act funding to Los Alamos. Some \$73 million was slated for demolition. Through cost efficiencies, the Lab added two buildings to the demolition list and still finished \$16 million under budget and six months ahead of schedule. Eventually, the site will be made available for land transfer

Key small business subcontractors: *Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc.* and *ARSEC, LLC*.

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